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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

A1 This application, filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, claims the benefit of priority to international application PCT/AU99/00495, filed June 18, 1999, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English, and is hereby incorporated by reference. --

In the claims:

Amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, and 27 as follows:

B2 -- 3. A solder according to claim 2 wherein the protein is any one of an albumin, an elastin, a collagen, a fibrinogen, or any combination thereof.

A2 4. A solder according to claim 1, further comprising a dye for improving energy deposition into the solder when the solder is exposed to energy.

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